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1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PRESS:
-- U.S. COVERAGE CONTINUES HEAVY WITH SLIGHT MILITARY ACCENT;
-- ECPC FOLLOW-UP MATERIAL IS DISTINGUISHED BY SHEBANOV ARTICLE
IN JULY 12 IZVESTIYA ON "PERFECTIONING" OF DEMOCRACY IN USSR,
WHICH INCLUDES PREDICTION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION (SEPTTEL);
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-- CSCE FOLLOW-UP IS MARKED BY "S. DIMITRIYEV" COMMENTARY IN

JULY 13 PRAVDA WHICH DISCUSSES PEACEFUL CHANGE OF BORDERS AT EXTRADORDINARY LENGTH FOR A SOVIET, BUT ALSO APPLICABILITY OF FRONTIER INVIOABILITY PROVISIONS TO ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE, INCLUDING AFRICA (SEPTIL);

-- IN WESTERN EUROPE, PRAVDA JULY 13 NOTES THAT GROMYKO AND PONOMAREV MET WITH (FRG) FDP FRAKTION CHAIRMAN MISCHNIK PREVIOUS DAY; PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA CARRY TASS ITEM CHARGING THAT FRANCE IS REINFORCING MEDITERRANEAN FLEET AND, CITING L'HUMANITIES, PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR U.S. 6TH FLEET;

-- IN MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA, PRAVDA CARRIES A BREEZY RETORT BY I. KALITA TO CHARGES IN CAIRO'S AL AKHBAR THAT MOSCOW WAS INVOLVED IN RECENT COUP ATTEMPT IN KHARTOUM; IZVESTIYA JULY HAS FULL-COLUMN ARTICLE BY A. GRIGOR'YANTS WHICH PROVIDES, IN A FAIRLY LOW-KEY MANNER, DEFINITIVE SOVIET VIEW OF ISRAELI RAID ON ENTEBBE AIRPORT, CONDEMNING TERRORISM BUT LINKING ISRAELI FORCE WITH "OLD" WESTERN CONCEPT OF GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY AND ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES WITH NATO; KENYAN-UGANDAN TENSION IS GIVEN SHORT, RELATIVELY BALANCED, COVERAGE; AND IT IS RECORDED THAT KOSYGIN SAW ETHIOPIAN CHAIRMAN OF PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MOGES AND THERE WAS "CONVERGENCE OR CLOSENESS" ON VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL TOPICS:

-- IN THE FAR EAST, IZVESTIYA JULY 12 CARRIES OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE WINDING UP LAST WEEK'S VISIT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER-FOREIGN MINISTER KIKI IN WHICH BOTH SIDES AGREE TO TAKE ADDITIONAL STEPS TO IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS AND PAPUAN BUYS ONTO CURRENT WATERED-DOWN VERSION OF ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY; BOTH IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA HAVE ITEMS FROM HANOI AND HO CHI MINH CITY THAT PROVIDE CENTRAL PRESS READERSHIP WITH ECONOMIC REALITIES AND EVEN DIFFICULTIES CONNECTED WITH UNIFICATION; PRAVDA ALSO HAS TASS ITEM NOTING HANOI'S SUPPORT FOR NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH THAILAND, BUT NOTES THAT RELATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA MUST BE BASED ON NOT GIVING TERRITORY TO ANY FOREIGN POWER AS A LAUNCHING PAD FOR AGGRESSION; KRASNAYA ZVEZDA JULY 13 PREDICTABLY AGREES AND ITS FOLLOW-UP ON THAILAND'S DECISION TO PERMIT

U.S. TO USE BASES LINKS U.S. ACTIVITIES THERE WITH OPERATIONS IN INDIAN OCEAN AND DIEGO GARCIA; FINALLY, PRAVADA NOTES THAT ECONOMIC RELATIONS HAVE BECOME A "BONE OF CONTENTION" IN U.S.-JAPANESE TIES.

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2. U.S. FIGURES PROMINENTLY IN SEVERAL PLACES. REPORTING ON DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN PRAVDA JULY 13 BY KURDYUMOV AND RUSAKOV PRAISES CARTER FOR HAVING BASICALLY REALISTIC FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS ESPECIALLY ON DETENTE AND U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS BUT NOTES NEVERTHELESS THAT HE IS UNDER INFLUENCE FROM THE TERRIBLE TRIAD-MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, AFL-CIO AND ZIONISTS. GUS HALL IS QUOTED ELSEWHERE AS SAYING THAT "AMERICANS HAVE NO

REAL CHOICE" ANYWAY. COMMENTARIES BY PERESADA IN PRAVADA JULY
13AND BOVIN IN IZVESTIYA JULY 12 CHARGE THAT THERE HAS EEN NO
REAL CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY IN THE THIRD WORLD. PERESADA STATES
IN "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" THAT RECENT U.S. VETOES IN SECURITY
COUNCIL AGAINST ANGOLA AND PALESTINAIANS PROVE THAT ANNOUNCED
U.S. GOALS IN AFRICA (AVOIDING RACIAL CONFLICT) WITH "REAL"
GOALS (PRESERVE SOUTH AFRICA AS BASTION OF U.S. FINANCIAL AND
STRATEGIC INTEREST, AND OPPOSE RADICALIZATION OF CONTINENT).
FINALLY, KZ NOTES RUMSFELD-LEBER AGREEMENT TO PRODUCE A NEW
TANK. MATLOCK

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